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August 04, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 August 4, 2015

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ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT-CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LORENA STREET AND FIRST STREET
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
(FIRST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

A proposed new City of Los Angeles (City) Lorena Street and First Street Lighting Maintenance District (District) to fund the operations and maintenance of public street lighting within the District.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Support the proposed new assessment on property owned by the County of Los Angeles (County) within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles Lorena Street and First Street Lighting Maintenance District at an annual cost of \$5,654.44.
- 2. Instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to cast the ballot supporting the assessment for the property.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Support for the proposed new District will allow for the operation, maintenance, energy, and replacement of deteriorated lighting within the proposed District. The District contains the County-owned Assessor's Parcel No. (APN) 5179-001-930, occupied by the Department of Health Services, Los Angeles County Crematory at 3301 East First Street, Los Angeles.

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<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Countywide Strategic Plan of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) directs that we maximize the effectiveness of structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services, and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) directs that we maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services. Support for the City's street lighting property assessment district for the operation, maintenance, energy, and replacement of deteriorated lighting will provide increased security within the district in the most cost-effective way.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed District's total assessment amount of \$5,654.44 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 is to provide funding for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the public street lighting system, including within the public right-of-way or easements that have been or will be installed within the District. The total assessment to be levied on the County property for FY 2015-16 is \$5,654.44, or 100 percent of the total District annual assessment. Thereafter, the assessment may be adjusted annually by no more than the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, California provided by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics or by reballoting of the property owners.

The cost will be paid by the Rent Expense budget and charged to the benefitting department in keeping with the current policy and practice. The financial cost of paying the assessment on the budget of the Department of Health Services is not significant and can be absorbed within its FY 2015-16 budget appropriations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly owned properties are not exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The assessing agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned opposes the proposed assessment.

The Los Angeles City Council has commenced proceedings to secure property owner approval for the proposed new District. If approved, the District will commence in FY 2015-16. The City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the matter for August 12, 2015.

The method of assessment is determined by land use, size of parcel, and type of street lighting system benefiting the property.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The services to be financed by the District will ensure the continued operation and maintenance of street lighting that serves the periphery of the County's Crematory. This will enhance the public safety and will be of sufficient benefit to warrant the Board's support. Accordingly, we are recommending that the ballot be completed as supporting the establishment of the District and the assessment (enclosed).

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted stamped Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

SACHI A. HAMAI

Interim Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County Counsel Auditor-Controller Health Services

OFFICIAL PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENT BALLOT			
STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT : "LORENA ST	& 1ST STREET"		
PROPERTY OWNER : LOS ANGELE	S COUNTY CEMETERY		
YES, I am IN FAVOR of the proposed Street Lig I will be assessed \$5,654.44 annually for the opera adjacent to my property. NO, I am OPPOSED to the proposed Street Ligit a majority NO vote will cause the streetlight(s) not to off and removed from service.	tion and maintenance of the street light(s) ating Assessment District. 1 understand that	Election: City Parcel: County APN:	4268 14331-001 5179-001-930
I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Ca (Both Name and Original Signature must be complet	lifomia, that I am the record owner, or the authorized repre ed in order for your ballot to be counted.)	sentative of the record o	owner, of the parcel identified above
PRINT NAME (Property Owner, Authorized Rep., etc.)	ORIGINAL SIGNATURE		DATE

INSTRUCTIONS

- Vote by marking one of the boxes on the reverse side of this ballot Mark only one box.
- Mark your ballot with blue or black ink Do not use pencil.
- 2. Print your name, sign and date the ballot - If more than one owner, only one owner needs to sign.
- 4. Return the ballot using the enclosed envelope.
- Make sure the Los Angeles City Clerk address on the back of the ballot appears in the window of the return envelope.
- Ballot must be received by Wednesday, August 12, 2015

LOS ANGELES CITY CLERK, ELECTION DIV. **ATTN: 218 BALLOT ST. LTG. MNT. # 4268** 555 RAMIREZ STREET, SPACE 300 LOS ANGELES, CA 90099-9716

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES LORENA STREET & 1ST STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (FISCAL YEAR 2015-16)

TENANTS NO.S	<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	\$ASSESSMENT
300-20000	HS-ADMINISTRATION	\$5,654.44 \$5,654.44

Light not yet installed.

STREET LIGHTING BALLOT DON'T THROW AWAY

This package contains a ballot to determine if streetlights will be installed adjacent to your property.

In order to install streetlights near your property, an Assessment District must be created to collect the annual cost from adjacent property owners to operate and maintain the lights. This is your opportunity to vote on whether you want to have streetlights and accept the charge added to your property taxes to pay these costs.

In this packet you will find a blue Notice, a yellow Ballot, and an envelope for mailing the ballot.

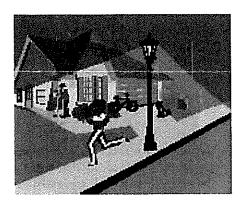
Street Lighting Operation and Maintenance Ballot

This ballot is the most important document in this material. It shows the proposed assessment amount for your property Ballots that are not returned, or that are returned late, cannot be counted.

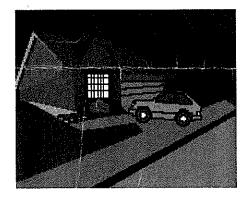
Please return your ballot!

Notice to Property Owners

This Notice provides you with legally required information about the balloting and the assessment. On the back, it explains how your assessment is calculated.



A majority YES vote will permit the City to install streetlights near your property.



✓ A majority NO vote will not allow the City to install streetlights adjacent to your property.

City of Los Angeles
Dept. of Public Works
Bureau of Street Lighting



Questions? Problems paying? Call 213 847-1500 or visit the Bureau of Street Lighting website. http://www.lacity.org/BSL/index.htm

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